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## Journal from a Missions Trip

The Cedarville University women's volleyball team travelled to Costa Rica from August 7-15, 2003 for their pre-season training and a missions trip. These are excerpts from the journal of outside hitter, Richelle Clem, a 5-11 junior from Elkhart, Indiana, who gave her life to full time missions on the last night of the trip. This was Clem's fourth missions trip - twice to the Dominican Republic and now twice to Costa Rica. Volleyball teams from Covenant College (TN), Trinity Christian (IL) and Palm Beach Atlantic (FL) were also on this trip.



### Thursday, August 7, 2003

Well, today was certainly eventful! After an early morning 4:00 a.m. departure from campus, we arrived at the Columbus Airport and lined up for the security checks and ticketing lines to begin our journey to Costa Rica via Atlanta, Georgia. The 1 1/2 hour trip to Atlanta and the 3-hour flight to Costa Rica went smoothly and even all our luggage made the connection. Praise God! Customs and baggage was a breeze in San Jose and now we started looking for some friendly faces. I quickly recognized Tim Craiger, the SCORE International representative, and he helped us load up into our big yellow school bus which would be the transportation for the week. We went to our hotel in downtown San Jose, crowded into the small elevator to the third floor and quickly got ready for our first practice session. The concrete floor in the gym did wonders for our aching knees and ankles but we survived. All in all, a great day! Thank God for travelling mercies!

### Friday, August 8, 2003

Well, if we thought the excitement would end after yesterday, we were wrong! After an amazing night's sleep, we woke up to an unbelievable breakfast! After breakfast, we left for practice. There was one net for three teams, so we took turns sharing the court. Our team went outside and had devotions on the bleachers near a track. While we were sitting there, an older man felt sorry for us because we were sitting on such dirty bleachers, so he went and got a broom to sweep them off for us! We travelled back to the hotel to hear the testimony of "Chino" - the pastor of the local church - and we were encouraged to hear his passion for the souls of Costa Ricans.

A quick 45 minute nap was squeezed into the schedule before we hustled off to the gym for our first match with one of the Costa

Rican club teams - Desamparados. We arrived at the gym in plenty of time but no one was around so we prayed, sang, talked and took photos of the wonderful view. After about an hour, we get a phone call asking where we are. Well we were at the wrong place so we hurriedly pack onto the bus and head to another gym. Finally, after many wrong turns, we walked off the bus, into the gym and straight onto the floor with just a "brief" 5-minute warm-up. We played decent under the circumstances but lost in four games - 20-25, 20-25, 26-24 and 12-25. Realizing that the Desamparados team was the best of the highest-level club teams in Costa Rica and knowing they had five national players (2 of them being complete giants) I think we played quite well. Lauren, using the Powerball - a volleyball with the colors of the "wordless book" - shared her testimony after the match and the Desemperados players responded unbelievably! Seven of them

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The team poses while waiting for people to show up for the first match, only to find out we had been taken to the wrong gym!

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# CALLAN'S COMMENTS

## "How can a ball be a factor in our witness for Christ?"

One of the outstanding programs on the Cedarville University campus is the MIS (Missions Involvement Service) program. For many years, athletic teams have connected with this ministry outreach to send sports teams cross-culturally to assist ministries and churches with evangelism using the medium of sports. I am constantly amazed how God uses various and unusual means to accomplish His purposes in the lives of those who attempt to minister, and those in need of knowing Jesus.



Dr. Don Callan

Recently, Teresa Clark, Cedarville's Volleyball Coach, shared at a banquet for the Health and Human Performance faculty and staff, a story about how the "Powerball" was the key to sharing the Gospel with teams and coaches in Costa Rica.



Lauren Mable, a sophomore from Lancaster, PA, shares her personal testimony using the "Powerball".

The "Powerball" is a volleyball that is very colorful, with the colors of blue, black, gold and red. The ball is filled partially with air so it will not bounce normally, to illustrate the need of God in our lives to make us useful.

The colors are used to point out the spiritual condition of man and how a person can know God. It shows how God has made possible the forgiveness of sin through Jesus Christ, and how He wants a relationship with man. Our ladies gave this ball to each team they played, with an explanation of the meaning of the colors. Numerous coaches were excited to receive the ball and were also given a sheet of explanation to go with it. The ball became a keepsake with a message.

In Exodus 4:2 God said to Moses, "What is that in your hand?" Moses said, "A staff". The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground." And as we know, it became a snake. Then the Lord told Moses to pick it up and it turned back into a staff in his hand. That staff was used to help convince both Israel and the Pharaoh that God was with him.

According to I Corinthians 1:27, God uses the foolish things in our lives to confound the wise. The apostle Paul in I Corinthians 9:22 said that he would become all things to all men if he could win some. How can you use the things around you to attract people to the possibility of hearing about Christ?

For years, the Athletes for Christ basketball team to the

Philippines wore the "Athletes for Christ" title on their shirts. As a result, many people asked just what that meant, and what we were doing. We usually had a card with the team picture and a salvation message on the back of the card. I remember how Loren Reno, one of the first Athletes for Christ, and now a General in the Air Force, used a tape recorder to witness for Christ. He would have a national he had met on a train or plane, read from a bilingual Bible the verses he wanted to learn and use in talking to the people who would come to our games. Usually this interchange resulted in a witness for the Lord, and some even came to know Christ in a personal way as the Word was opened and explained. Loren also used his ability in sign language to attempt to reach people who were not able to hear the message he was presenting.

Ken Evans, a magician, drew most of the kids and parents on one trans-Pacific flight, as he put on an impromptu magic show at the insistence of the airline crew. The gospel was part of that presentation and was also used at halftimes of our games.

Are you using the things that are available to you? Are you ready to give an answer as to the hope that is in you? Are you seeking to open a conversation with those who are curious about God, and Jesus Christ? Look around you and evaluate what God has placed in your life that can be used to present the Good News.

What is that in your hand?! Our coaches are using these opportunities and you should be too.

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# National Player of the Year Award named after Kathy Freese

The National Christian College Athletic Association announced it will honor its top women's basketball player each year with the Kathy Freese National Player of the Year Award, which is named after the former Lady Jacket head coach.

The NCCAA women's basketball National Player of the Year Award has never before had a name attached to it – unlike the men's which is named after Pete Maravich. According to NCCAA women's basketball chair and Bethel College (Ind.) head coach Jody Martinez, it has been a two-year process.

"Criteria was to think of someone that supports and represents the mission of the NCCAA and is a great supporter of women's basketball for the NCCAA," said Martinez. "During the last two national championships, the coaches' meetings were held and brainstorming began in 2002 to come up with some names for the award. At this past national championship, Kathy Freese was the overwhelming favorite." The women's basketball committee ultimately sent her name to the NCCAA and the administrative committee for the final approval.

Freese won 140 basketball games while coaching at Cedarville University from 1991 through 2001. She took three teams to the NCCAA National Tournament, was once named the NCCAA District III Coach of the Year, and she was the Mid-Ohio Conference Coach of the Year after guiding the Lady Jackets to a 20-11 record in 1994-95 which was only the second 20-win season in school history. She served a term as the NCCAA national women's basketball chair and has taken several women's basketball missions trips to Europe.

Freese, who also helped out at CU with brief coaching stints in softball and volleyball, stepped down after 30 years in the coaching profession following the 2000-01 basketball campaign. She spent 20 years prior to coming to Cedarville coaching basketball and volleyball at Perrysburg Junior and Senior High Schools near Toledo, Ohio.

Freese remains on the faculty at Cedarville University as an assistant professor of physical education in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science.



Kathy Freese

## Men's basketball missions trip shares the Gospel in Hungary, Croatia and Italy

From June 3 - 23, 2003, seven basketball players along with Cedarville University Head Men's Basketball Coach, Ray Slagle, and his wife, Matsi, travelled to Europe for the opportunity to play basketball and share Christ with opponents and spectators.



The 2003 CU MIS basketball team in Croatia (left to right) Barry Chamberlin, Greg Guiler, Brad Kormash, Matsi Slagle, Ray Slagle, Corey Smith, Guy Rathmell, Ryan Bowen, and Tyler Yoder.

The team presented a gift to their opponents before every competition.



Yellow Jacket senior guard Greg Guiler (#14) with two basketball players from Hungary.



Action from a game played in Croatia.

One of the fun things on our trip was the interaction with the kids during our basketball clinics. This is a scene from a clinic in Giaveno, Italy.



Senior Yellow Jacket forward Barry Chamberlin shares his testimony after a game in Gyngos, Hungary.





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accepted Christ as their personal Saviour! I was able to speak with one of the players who accepted Christ six months ago. What an amazing experience!



Members of the Cedarville University women's volleyball team and the Desamparados Costa Rican club team after the first match of the missions trip.

After the match, we were all starving! So we left to find a McDonald's. We had no sooner ordered our food and were starting to get our drinks when the power went out in the entire city block! The employees quickly locked the doors as no one was allowed to leave and they began to serve us french fries which stifled the hunger pains. But the most amazing thing was our missionary host, Jose, asked Paula to come up and share her testimony with the workers who were gathered at the counter under the glow of a single flashlight! The power never came back on so we finally left and found a Subway near the hotel that was open. Needless to say, it's been an incredibly tiring day and it's finally time for bed. But tonight there is a party in Heaven because we now have 7 new sisters in Christ! Praise the Lord!

## Saturday, August 9, 2003

Yet another great day ahead of us! We were all a little dreary-eyed this morning, but breakfast helped that alot! We practiced at the Calasanz gym again. The concrete floor seemed a little less dusty than the first time we were there. Anyways, practice went fine. After lunch we hustled back to the hotel, showered, changed and took to the streets of San Jose to distribute tracts and try to talk with people about Christ. It was a little awkward at first, but soon we were enjoying just boldly asking people if they would like to read a tract. Lauren, Paula, Aaryn, Michelle and I went together and met many interesting people – most of them more than willing to take the tract – and we saw many reading them as they continued walking.

A little before 5 p.m., we left for our next match. It might have been the most exciting match ever! We won in five games against the Santa Barbara club team. It was so awesome! Plus, I was able to give my testimony with the Powerball in the locker room after the match. I was really nervous but, praise the Lord, I did well and five players accepted Christ! One of the other missionaries, Duke, told me we just won twice tonight – on the court and off the court! A great ending to a great day!

## Sunday, August 10, 2003

Morning came quickly but we were anticipating a wonderful Lord's day in Costa Rica. We traded in our typical volleyball attire for skirts and everybody looked nice.

We left for church around 9 a.m. and had a great time with "Chino" and the people from his church. He preached on the role of the woman in the family. Following the translation from Spanish to English was a little tough but we made it. For the worship service, Ron Bishop, who is the founder and



After the church service with Pastor "Chino", director of SCORE International, arrived straight from the Pan American Games in the Dominican Republic, to speak at church and spend a few days with us. He shared several stories how God was working amongst the athletes at the Pan Am games.

After church, we ate lunch and then went shopping for souvenirs and travelled back to the hotel for rest. There was another match scheduled for tonight so before I knew it, we're back on the bus. Everyone was dragging and we did not play too well, losing the match in three games to the University of Costa Rica club team. I got to see two friends from high school, Monse and Marcella, both members of the UCR team. I have missed them so much! Carrie took her turn to share after the match and did a great job. She was so funny but also had the players intently listening to every word. Carrie then had the privilege to lead Karen to Christ. It was a sweet thing to see!



Carrie, with her new sister in Christ - Karen!

Our group headed out and went to the favorite pizza stop for dinner. When we got back to the hotel, we had a team meeting/prayer time and went to bed. Another great day serving in Costa Rica!

## Monday, August 11, 2003

Today was absolutely incredible! The sun definitely came out this morning and it was good. We came back to the hotel for a luncheon with the other American teams. After lunch, Jose's wife, Gabbi, sang an amazing song and then Ron Bishop shared his heart for sports missions. He was so good and encouraged all of us to consider missions as a possible calling. When the luncheon finished, we all headed out to the Town Square in San Jose to pass out tracts and witness to people. We all stood together in the square and started singing praise songs. It sounded incredible and tons of people gathered to listen. Lauren again shared her testimony and then Duke preached a brief sermon. At least five people made a personal decision to accept Christ. Also, Mr. Coach (Assistant Volleyball Coach, Jim Clark) and Salvatore –

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one of the missionary helpers – were privileged to lead a homeless lady to salvation. What an experience!



Volleyball teams from Cedarville University, Covenant College and Trinity Christian College sing praises to God at the Town Square in the capital of Costa Rica, San Jose.

We left the square and headed back to the hotel. We had to leave at 5 p.m. for another match so we packed up and loaded the bus. We played the Goicoechea club team and they turned out to be pretty good. Ron Bishop and Jose showed up to cheer us on before they had to leave and get Ron to the airport. Our team played great and we pulled out a 4-game win with the last game going 32-30! The sharing time afterwards was great as usual. Paula used the Powerball and the other team was glued to her words. Two members of the Goicoechea team accepted Christ. Carrie helped with one and Julia was able to lead the other to Christ. God was so amazing tonight! Before we left the gym, we were informed of the results of pool play between the American schools and the Costa Rican club teams – we won the pool and now get to play the Costa Rican National Team on the last night of competition! Wow! Dear Lord, keep us safe! Tomorrow's gonna be another great day!

## Tuesday, August 12, 2003

Today was unbelievable! After breakfast, we left for Chino's church where some would be involved in door-to-door canvassing while several of us went with Coach (Head Coach, Teresa Clark) to a kindergarten class to hang out with the kids for a while. We taught them Duck, Duck, Goose and a little volleyball as well. They were precious. We all gathered together and walked to Burger King for lunch. The big yellow school bus arrived and took us on an hour ride to an orphanage. I'm tellin' you what, no matter how well I prepare myself, I can't handle it. Those kids break my heart! I was expecting all little kids but there were also some teenagers. After singing, playing, sharing a testimony and giving them some gifts, we left for the hotel.



Erica and I with one of the kids from the orphanage.

We watched some of the match between Covenant and the Costa Rican Junior National Team, and the match between Palm Beach Atlantic and the Costa Rican National Team. Both American teams lost to the Costa Ricans. We will see the National Team tomorrow night. Paula and I decided when we play them – especially against the 6'5" and 6'3" Williams sisters – we would just lay down on the court, let the balls hit us and pop up to play them back over the net!

We ate dinner in our hotel room while we had team devotions and now it's finally bedtime.

## Wednesday, August 13, 2003

Well, as of yet, no other day has been half-as-exciting. We left the hotel early this morning but that was okay. We all went to another kindergarten class and got to hang out with the kids. We presented the Gospel and did a "mini-volleyball clinic" for them. They were absolutely precious.

We went back to Chino's church where several ladies had prepared a wonderful chicken and rice lunch for all of us. After lunch, we went to the school again to be with a different group of children. We arrived back at the hotel around 3 p.m. to chill out before we left for the match with the National Team. Trinity Christian lost to the Junior National Team and then there was a Gospel presentation to the fans waiting to watch our match.

Paula and I were asked to sing the National Anthem. It was sweet! We started warm-ups and could feel the adrenaline pumping! It paid off and we actually beat the National Team the first two games of the match before losing the next three. After the match, there was a sweet time of sharing, taking photos, and fellowship with the National Team. It was 11:30 p.m. before we left the gym to travel back to the hotel. We have to get up in five hours!

## Thursday, August 14, 2003

We left for the Punta Leona Resort to spend a relaxing day before flying home on Friday. It was a long bus ride up the mountain and then down the mountain to the Pacific Ocean coast of Costa Rica. About half way there, the bus broke down so we had to wait about two hours for it to be fixed. After checking in at the resort, we headed to the beach. It was glorious! A storm was moving in and the waves were huge!

After dinner, Tim shared the story of Gideon and how he tested God. Then Jose spoke about God's calling. Tonight I surrendered my life to Christ and His will for me! Whether that be at home, in Costa Rica or in Zimbabwe, I just want to be where God wants me to be. Jose gave an invitation for us to make that decision public and Rachel, Kathy, Carrie and I all decided to do that. It may have been one of the toughest, most emotional experiences of my life. We had a "team" session with Jose, Chino and his wife, to thank them for all they did for us this week. We all hugged and cried. It was really special. The team met in Coach's room for a sharing time together. It has been so great to have the opportunity to see our team's heart this week. Praise God for such an amazing trip! We go back to the hotel in the morning to get our luggage and then travel to the airport and catch the flight home. Before I knew it, it was time to board and everything in me wanted to run back out and stay forever. I cried for the first hour of the flight but then finally relaxed knowing that I will be back to Costa Rica someday!





# Men's Tennis Team Visits Brazil



*Cedarville University head men's tennis coach, Alan Edlund, shares his thoughts and experiences from the team's missions trip to Brazil in May, 2003.*

## How does China become Brazil?

As we rolled through April and followed the news about SARS, we knew the China trip was going to be put in the "undecided/doubtful" category. We kept planning as though we were going. About 2 or 3 weeks before we were to leave, we received word that we may have to explore other "options".

The guys' first response was, "Where else can we go?" That night a couple emails were sent out – one to Romania and one to Jeff and Tiffany Nelson in Brazil. We received positive responses from both but made a quick decision for Brazil. Jeff played tennis for Cedarville in the mid-90's and his father, Dave, was a 1972 grad. Jeff and Tiffany are both third generation missionaries. Their ministry is to street children up to the age of 16 – kids who have parents but not always parental guidance, control or caring.

The first item of business was to take care of the dates for our trip. We could not change the dates as several of the players had summer internships and employment already arranged. The original dates were fine with the Nelson's, so we began making final plans. Because of SARS, United Airlines was allowing travellers to exchange tickets at no extra charge. We were able to have all of our tickets changed from Beijing, China to Sao Paulo, Brazil. Next we had to secure tickets from Sao Paulo to Rio Branco on the far west side of Brazil and the Nelsons were very helpful with this endeavor.

Our visas arrived about half an hour before we were to depart Cedarville for Columbus International Airport and the 22-hour journey to Brazil.

I learned more about the players on the first day that Jeff had them interact with the kids, than I could ever have in a tennis season. The care and compassion they showed for those little children was amazing to watch. Even though we could not speak Portuguese and the kids did not speak English, the team made a connection and immediately bonded with them.

They tossed balls back and forth, played games, swung in



*Members of the Cedarville University men's tennis team with Head Coach Alan Edlund and his wife, Kathy, as they prepare to leave campus for their missions trip to Brazil.*

hammocks and even played soccer against the older kids.

We did get to play a little tennis. Although there are 300,000 people in Rio Branco, there are only four tennis courts that Jeff knows about – all in private clubs.

The team was able to play at two courts at a military recreation club. Jeff had arranged with the club pro for us to play some of the better tennis players in the area. It was a good morning for us and we were able to distribute "wordless" tennis pins and a Gospel tract explaining the meaning of the colors. This was also an opportunity for Jeff to let people know about the Youth Center and about his ministry in Rio Branco. We are praying this could lead to some type of local support for the Nelsons.



*One of the great opportunities of the trip was the privilege to work with Jeff and Tiffany Nelson in their ministry with street children in Rio Branco, Brazil.*

This missions trip was a first for my wife and I and the Cedarville University men's tennis team. We want to thank everyone for their prayers and financial support and look forward to another trip in the future. Maybe we can eventually get to China!



*Senior Dave Dice with one of the Brazilian street children in Rio Branco.*

*Alan Edlund is in his ninth season as the Yellow Jacket head men's tennis coach. He has guided the netters to a 91-65 dual match record during his tenure. Edlund graduated from Cedarville College in 1977 and played for the Jackets from 1972 through 1975. Edlund and his wife, Kathy, reside in Cedarville and have five children.*



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## 2003-04 Cedarville University Women's Basketball Schedule



## 2003-04 Cedarville University Men's Basketball Schedule

### NOVEMBER

7	Fr	<b>CEDARVILLE INVITATIONAL</b>	Cedarville	
		Indiana Wesleyan vs. Madonna		6 p.m.
		Cedarville vs. Roberts Wesleyan		8 p.m.
8	Sa	<b>CEDARVILLE INVITATIONAL</b>	Cedarville	1, 3 p.m.
11	Tu	at Taylor	Upland, IN	8 p.m.
14	Fr	at Huntington Invitational	Huntington, IN	
		Huntington vs. Trinity Christian		6 p.m.
		Cedarville vs. Madonna		8 p.m.
15	Sa	at Huntington Invitational	Huntington, IN	1, 3 p.m.
18	Tu	<b>CENTRAL STATE</b> (Community Night)	Cedarville	5:30 p.m.
21	Fr	at Grace Invitational	Winona Lake, IN	
		Cedarville vs. Siena Heights		6 p.m.
		Grace vs. Illinois Tech		8 p.m.
22	Sa	at Grace Invitational	Winona Lake, IN	1, 3 p.m.

### DECEMBER

2	Tu	at Ursuline	Pepper Pike, OH	7 p.m.
4	Th	<b>MARIAN</b>	Cedarville	7 p.m.
6	Sa	<b>MALONE*</b>	Cedarville	5:30 p.m.
13	Sa	at Ohio Dominican*	Columbus, OH	2 p.m.
16	Tu	at Spring Arbor	Spring Arbor, MI	7 p.m.
18	Th	Evangel#	Babson Park, FL	1 p.m.
19	Fr	at Webber International	Babson Park, FL	5 p.m.
20	Sa	Georgetown#	Babson Park, FL	3 p.m.

### JANUARY

3	Sa	<b>MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE*</b>	Cedarville	5:30 p.m.
8	Th	<b>WILBERFORCE*</b>	Cedarville	5 p.m.
10	Sa	at Tiffin*	Tiffin, OH	5:30 p.m.
13	Tu	at Rio Grande*	Rio Grande, OH	6 p.m.
17	Sa	<b>WALSH*</b> (Alumni Weekend)	Cedarville	5:30 p.m.
20	Tu	at Urbana*	Urbana, OH	5:30 p.m.
22	Th	at Wilberforce*	Wilberforce, OH	5:30 p.m.
24	Sa	at Malone*	Canton, OH	5:30 p.m.
29	Th	<b>OHIO DOMINICAN*</b> (Farmer's Night)	Cedarville	5:30 p.m.
31	Sa	at Mount Vernon Nazarene*	Mount Vernon, OH	1 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

5	Th	at Shawnee State*	Portsmouth, OH	6 p.m.
7	Sa	<b>TIFFIN*</b> (L/I Sibs Weekend)	Cedarville	5:30 p.m.
10	Tu	<b>URBANA*</b>	Cedarville	5:30 p.m.
14	Sa	at Walsh*	North Canton, OH	1 p.m.
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\*American Mideast Conference South Division  
# at Webber International Classic; Babson Park, FL  
All Starting Times Local

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6	Th	at Indiana Wesleyan	Marion, IN	7 p.m.
14	Fr	<b>GENEVA</b>	Cedarville	7:30 p.m.
15	Sa	<b>DAEMEN</b>	Cedarville	7:30 p.m.
18	Tu	<b>CENTRAL STATE</b> (Community Night)	Cedarville	7:30 p.m.
21	Fr	<b>26th Annual Cedarville Invitational</b>	Cedarville	
		Berry vs. Seton Hill		6 p.m.
		Cedarville vs. Taylor		8 p.m.
22	Sa	<b>26th Annual Cedarville Invitational</b>	Cedarville	6, 8 p.m.
25	Tu	at Wright State	Dayton, OH	7:05 p.m.

### DECEMBER

2	Tu	<b>WITTENBERG</b>	Cedarville	7:30 p.m.
5	Fr	at Georgetown#	Georgetown, KY	8 p.m.
6	Sa	Pikeville#	Georgetown, KY	6 p.m.
12	Fr	at Taylor Classic	Upland, IN	
		Cedarville vs. Cardinal Stritch		6 p.m.
		Taylor vs. Indiana-Northwest		8 p.m.
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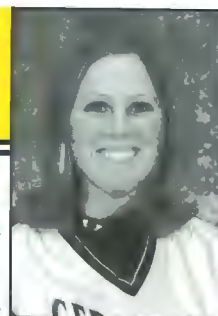
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**STING**





Natalie Fox, a junior member of the women's softball team, was named to the NAIA Region IX Team, NCCAA Midwest Region Team and American Midwest Conference First Team in 2003. The 5-6 right-handed hurler from Temecula, CA, posted a team-leading 2.04 ERA and registered 127 strikeouts in 133 2/3 innings en route to 7 victories. She talks about her June 2003 missions trip to Thailand.



"I had a wonderful experience in Thailand and God did some amazing things there. We had the opportunity to work with the men's and women's softball organizations. Our team competed against two women's teams and one men's team! We held two clinics each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, both lasting about three hours. The softball was not as competitive as in the USA, but the players are wanting to learn and striving to improve their skills.

After each clinic, one of the members of our team would share their testimony and then one of the leaders would give a Gospel presentation. My prayer for this trip was that God would soften and open hearts of the Thai. And I saw prayers answered right in front of me!

The Thai culture is very respectable. Because we came over to teach them about a game they love, they were willing to listen to whatever we had to say.

Being a Buddhist country, it was very hard to relate. It was so strange because when we shared about Christ, they had never heard about Him before. So it was a privilege and honor to be the first to introduce them to our Lord.

There was a group of 12 high school students who committed their lives to Christ! I was in tears at how God worked through us to save these once lost souls.

The joy and laughter I experienced was greater than anywhere else I have been. I fell in love with the Thai people and their love for life and each other.

Our group had the opportunity to attend church with our translator, Soa, who is a staff member with Athletes in Action. I can't even explain how amazing it was to hear worship and praises to God in Thai and English at the same time knowing that God could understand us both! I was just filled with awe and in tears at how good our God is.

The trip was amazing! One that I will never forget. It is a whole different world in Thailand, a world that I can't wait to visit again. I made some wonderful friendships with the Thai people and it is awesome to see how God used my talent in softball to relate to these wonderful people! This was a life-changing experience for

me. I grew so much in just two weeks. I shared my testimony for the first time to a large group of people. That was tough, but I had to totally depend on God for the strength to get through it. I became more bold and felt there was nothing to lose and everything to gain as I shared my beliefs with the Thai people.

I grew closer to God through the many experiences of the trip and I have a deep-felt compassion for those who are still so far away from the saving grace of God.

There were 22 people that committed their lives to Christ, and many more thinking about the decision. I am just waiting for God to open their hearts to what we had to say. I know it is all in His timing, and I'm so thankful to be a part of this ministry in furthering God's kingdom. I can't wait to return if it is in God's will!

Thank you for the opportunity to share about my trip to Thailand."

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